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TEL AVIV FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ABLD, UR, US

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW EMBASSY COMPLEXES

1. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER CALLED IN SOVIET  
DCM VORONTSOV DECEMBER 21 TO GIVE HIM NOTE SETTING  
FORTH CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH USG WOULD PERMIT SOVIETS  
TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR APARTMENT AND SCHOOL IN  
WASHINGTON (TEXT BY SEPTTEL).

2. COMMENTING ON NOTE, EAGLEBURGER POINTED OUT THAT  
THIS WAS MAJOR EFFORT BY DEPARTMENT TO COME TO GRIPS  
WITH SOVIETS' REQUEST TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION. LIST OF  
US REQUIREMENTS HAD BEEN CUT DOWN TO THOSE WHICH ARE  
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ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO U.S. AND WELL WITHIN SOVIET  
CAPABILITIES.

3. EAGLEBURGER NOTED THAT BY AGREEING TO LET SOVIETS  
OCCUPY APARTMENT WHEN COMPLETED AND DROPPING REQUEST TO  
RETAIN PRESENT CHANCERY IF USG NOT CHARGED FOR RESTORING

IT TO ORIGINAL CONDITION DEPARTMENT HAD ELIMINATED POINTS WHICH CREATED MOST DIFFICULTY FOR SOVIETS.

4. REQUIREMENT FOR FIRM COST COMMITMENTS, LUMP SUM DESIGN

FEE AND APPROVAL OF U.S. FINAL DESIGN PLANS BY JANUARY 15 ARE ESSENTIAL BECAUSE OF OUR NEED TO HAVE FIRM FIGURES FOR USE IN CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS.

5. NOTE ALSO ASKS FOR SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS ON MOSCOW FACILITIES WHICH SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY SAID ARE BEING CONSIDERED POSITIVELY.

6. IN CONCLUSION EAGLEBURGER NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO CONGRESS AFTER HEARING FROM SOVIETS TO CONFIRM THAT COMMITMENTS OFFERED ARE ADEQUATE HOWEVER, IF SOVIETS ACT SPEEDILY AND POSITIVELY, THIS SHOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM.

7. VORONTSOV SAW NO DIFFICULTY WITH SOME PROVISIONS OF NOTE SUCH AS DROPPING SOVIET CHARGE FOR PUTTING CHANCERY BACK IN ORIGINAL CONDITION BUT QUESTIONED OTHERS SUCH AS FEASIBILITY OF ACCESS FROM PRESENT CHANCERY TO NEW SITE AND 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS LUMP SUM DESIGN FEE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SOVIETS HOPE TO HAVE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY BEFORE THIS ADMINISTRATION LEFT OFFICE AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE WAS POSITIVE. EAGLEBURGER EMPHASIZED NEED TO GO BACK TO CONGRESS BEFORE GIVING GO-AHEAD BUT SAID THAT IF SOVIET REPLY MET OUR REQUIREMENTS, NO DIFFICULTY  
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WAS ANTICIPATED WITH CONGRESS.

8. EMBASSY MAY DELIVER COPY OF NOTE TO MFA AND DISCUSS ITS PROVISIONS ALONG ABOVE LINES.  
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